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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: )  
CHENG-YIN, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/588,533 )  
Filed: June 7, 2000 )  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR )  
LOOP AVOIDANCE IN )  
MULTI-PROTOCOL LABEL )  
SWITCHING )  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Group Art Unit: 2731  
January 14, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents cited in an International Search Report in a corresponding International Application, and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Additionally, enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for the Examiner's convenience.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor

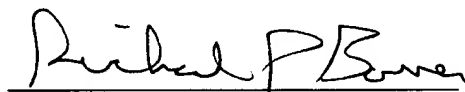
payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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